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From the President's Pen

We had one of the best Burns' Nights ever, even after having to postpone it for three weeks because of icy travel conditions. I can't thank enough all who came and supported our Society. Some of you traveled from as far away as central Georgia, east Tennessee, Kentucky; thanks again to one and all for helping make this event such a roaring success.

Thank you, **Greg Cutcliff**, for both serving as our Entertainment Director and "piping" for us—wow!! Thank you **Bryan Graves**, **Steve McAmis**, **Jesse Dean** and **Chris Cutcliff** for the wonderful music from your "pipes." Greg had **Kell Coulter** back playing her harp and singing, such beautiful music, and **Abigail Holloway**, a very young and accomplished Scottish Fiddler who is also one of his piping students. **David Pickens** traveled from Knoxville again, this time to give an outstanding "Immortal Memory." Of course, he keeps coming because we're "fun." The Burns Committee, chaired by **Fran Lawson** with committee members **Linda Hudson**, **John Scarbrough** and **Ken Stewart**, began planning this Burns Dinner in early February last year. Since it's going to be a tough act to follow, they are already planning for next year. See you there,

Chuck

POUPCOMING EVENTSMN

- 16 March 2010 HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at **The Celtic Cup**
Coffee House, Tullahoma
- 10 April 2010 HOTSC Tartan Day**
on the Square Murfreesboro
1:00-6:00 P.M.
www.hotsc.bravehost.com
- 14-16 May Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Highland Games**
Mills Park, Gatlinburg, TN
- 18 May HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup**
Coffee House, Tullahoma

Membership News

Ceud Mile Failte to new members: **Clyde & Dawn Hayner**, Fayetteville; **René Cavett**, Normandy; **Sue Brewer**, Greenbrier; **Paul & Melissa Holloway**, Seawanee; **Bruce & Marilyn Rogan**, Murfreesboro; and **Jon Lawson**, Tullahoma. It is exciting how we continue to grow! *Moran taing* to all renewing members. We still have several who are in arrearage at this point and reminder notices are being sent. We do not want to lose anyone. If you know of anyone interested in joining our Society, please have them contact: **Fran Lawson, HRSS Membership Chair**

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March Meeting

We know we have members who do not attend meetings due to health, work, travel distance, or other conflicting obligations. Your interest and commitment prompts you to support HRSS by paying dues and appearing at events, i.e., Burns Night or various games. However, if other areas of your life allow you to attend any of our regular meetings, we anticipate seeing you and hearing your voice in the business discussed. All members are urged to attend as often as they can. It is the best way to keep up with what is happening in **your** Society.



BAKE SALE Correction

It was noted in the Sporrán that no cash donations were made to the bake sale this past November. That was an error. Sarah Sutherland had contributed \$20 to go to the bake sale at the November meeting that was misdirected to the Christmas Parade donations. That brings the bake sale total to \$196.50. Thank you, Sarah, and please forgive the error.

FUNDRAISERS

COOKBOOKS: The sale of the HRSS cookbook is an on-going project. Cost is \$15/each or 3 or more for \$13/each. Contact **Fran Lawson** or order on the website. These make great gifts, Scottish or no.

DONATIONS: HRSS is a 501(c)3 organization. A donation to HRSS is tax deductible. It can be earmarked as you wish.

NEW EVENTS: **Ron Cunningham** and his right hand, **Randal Cunningham**, are busily working on future fundraisers. Stay tuned for further exciting announcements.

In Memory of

Richard P. Besancenez, 80, father of **Deborah Dawson**, died at his residence in Estill Springs, on September 8, 2009.

Victor Graham, 65, brother of **Howell Graham**, died in December, 2009.

Mary Rose Gilchrist, 50, sister of **Eleanor Gilchrist**, died in Charleston, SC, on Dec 14, 2009. She was a member of Clan MacGregor. A memorial service will be held in Seawanee April 3, 2010.

Paula Barclay Vance, 57, of Tullahoma, died Thursday, Nov 19, 2009, at her residence. A native of Lexington, KY, she was the daughter of Angela Barclay Arnold, of Tullahoma, who survives, and the late Kenneth F. Vance. She had been married to the late Max Grimes. She was a medical records transcriptionist and her avocation was lapidary. She was a gifted musician, playing numerous instruments including the Great Highland Bagpipes. She was proud of her part Shawnee heritage. She also gave the gift of life by being an organ donor. She was a member of the Highland Rim Scottish Society and the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society. In addition to her mother, she is survived by two sons, John Kevin Calkins of Louisville, KY, and Nathaniel Scott Porter and wife, Stephanie, of Hillsboro, and one sister, Peggy Bacon of California. Memorial donations may be made in her honor to the Franklin County Humane Society., P. O. Box, Winchester, TN 37389

BURNS NIGHT 2010

WOW! A one word comment on our 15th annual Burns birthday celebration. "Best one ever" is a three word comment heard over and over. Being in a new venue meant a few glitches, but these were apparently far outweighed by the positives in the majority opinion. The venue was so well received that we have already scheduled there again for 2011, 29 January to be exact. Mark your calendars now. At \$1397, our Silent Auction was the most profitable we have ever had. In fact, total receipts were far in advance of any past figures, which means we can do several more scholarships this year than we have been able to do before. This was made possible by the support of members and friends of HRSS, and all efforts, volunteer work, participation, and attendance are so greatly appreciated by the Burns Committee. We four cannot do this alone. Whenever "thanks to..." is put with names, someone gets left out. So, I will apologize in advance for any omissions. However, there are some who must be named. We were smart enough to elect her Secretary; did we realize what a "ball of fire" member she is? Now we know. **Desireé Siemsen** was a force in registration, set-up and decorating, Silent Auction, and take-down and clean-up. She handled people, money, and materials efficiently and effectively. Her help was invaluable. Her cohorts in some of these endeavors: **Tammy Overman, Reneé Cavett, Eleanor Gilchrist** are also to be applauded, as is **Lisa Barkley**. Another member who is never thanked enough, and is first to tell you he does not do what he does for HRSS for thanks, is **Randal Cunningham**. He was first one there Saturday by noon, and one of last to leave Saturday night. He provides a strong back, a willing spirit, a joke or two, and hugs galore. He is also the official "greeter" for the Society and makes sure that everyone is welcomed. **Martha Scarbrough** not only continues to do the "Flowers of the Forest" table, she is also my go-to person for advice on sticky situations. She is a brilliant problem-solver. Well, duh, she IS a math teacher. Another often unsung hero of Burns Night is **Greg Cutcliff**, HRSS official piper. At Burns, he not only fulfills his official piping duties, he entertains us and plans, produces, and directs the entertainment program for the entire evening. What a job, what talent, what commitment! And what a line-up of talent he gave us again this year! If we had him on salary we would have to give him a raise.

Fran

Minutes of 19 January, 2010, Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with sixteen (16) members and no guests present.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Past-secretary **John Scarbrough** moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in *The Sporrán*. **Tammy Overman** seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer **Ken Stewart**, **Chuck Lawson** reported a balance of \$2915.49 as of January 18, 2010. The expenses for the past two months were \$1196.64 and income was \$1486.68. Report accepted and placed on file

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means: **Randal Cunningham** reported that he has secured a location for the bake sale this year. The bake sale will be held at Manchester Wal-Mart on November 29, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Burns Night: **Fran Lawson** reported there are four (4) volunteers to set-up decorations. There are 115 reservations with January 27 being the deadline. She has requested more donations for the Silent Auction. Some donations have come from the **Paula Vance** estate.

Other Old Business: none

NEW BUSINESS

Glasgow, KY Games: **Fran Lawson** reported that HRSS is one of four (4) area Societies being honored at their games. This means HRSS will have a free tent to use for our representation at the games.

Other New Business: none

ADJOURNMENT

John Scarbrough moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:25 p.m. It was seconded by **Randal Cunningham**.

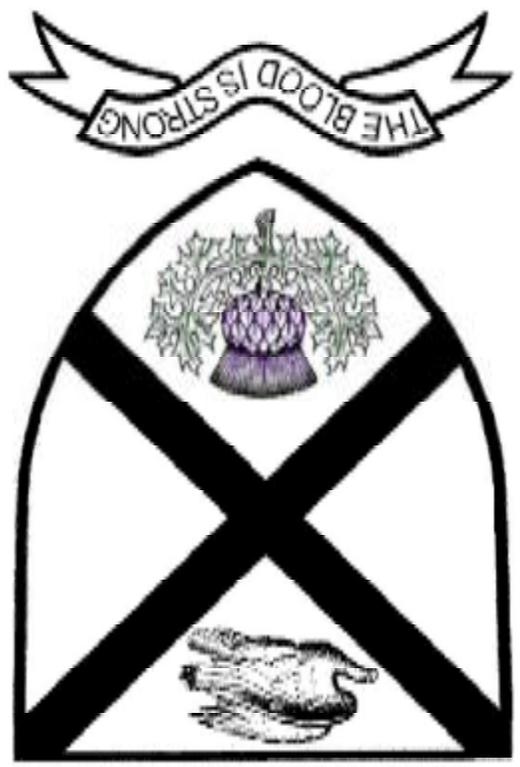
PROGRAM

None. A small group discussed preparations for Burns Night.

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